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1/11 lends a hand to support 3rd Infantry Division

**By Staff Sgt.
Orande Roy**

SPC Anthony Kalis, 27, of Vacaville, CA, a member of HHT, 1/11th ACR was one of the few Blackhorse soldiers who recently went to Iraq voluntarily to augment units currently involved in Operation Iraqi Freedom. SPC Kalis is currently attached to Charlie Company, 1-64 Task Force (TF). 1-64 TF is part of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team of the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized). While as-



Photo by Brant Sanders AJC
U.S. Army Spc. Anthony Kalis and Sgt. Mark Strunk, a medic in the 1-64 Task Force, carry a wounded man out of danger.

signed to 1-64 TF, SPC Kalis has assisted in the capture of several POWs including an Iraqi general.

SPC Kalis has also had the opportunity to have his picture taken and placed in both the

New York Journal and the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution photo shows him helping to move a POW to a safe area to receive medical aid. "I am excited about him being over there", says Captain John Byrom, Commander HHT 1/11, "SPC Kalis is an outstanding soldier who was hand picked out of 400 soldiers to go into harms way, he takes initiative and doesn't need someone watching over him to ensure he gets the job done."

First Time golfer picks up \$10,000 hole-in-one

**By Major
Robert Hatcher**

The 10th Annual Blackhorse Association Golf Tournament began at 0900 with Colonel Moore, the Regimental Commander hitting a Blackhorse ball off the 1st tee at Hesperia

Golf and Country Club. It was a beautiful day for golf, with a slight nip in the air, things were fine until one approached the back nine and faced a 20-30 mph wind that over-emphasized one's slice or hook.

The highlight of the tournament was a hole-in-one on the 7th

hole by Specialist Chris Sherer from Maintenance Troop. First Command Financial Planning sponsored that hole, along with several other prize holes. For making the shot, Specialist Sherer received \$10,000 from Mr. Bob Lucas of First Command. Mr. Lucas said that was the first

time in the six years that he has sponsored the tournament that any golfer has made a hole-in-one. In fact, it was only the second time Specialist Sheer hit the fairway that day. Colonel Moore stated that with the wind it was a tough day for everyone. In fact, his team

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From the President.....

The unfortunate cancellation of the Fulda Reunion was a very necessary and wise decision by the Reunion Committee headed by Glenn Snodgrass. Hopefully the future will find all of us walking the streets of Fulda, Bad Kissingen and Bad Hersfeld making the reunion even more important to the Blackhorse Troopers.

Scholarship times are with us again, an article by Pete Walter, Scholarship Chairperson is in this newsletter. Actually the Scholarship program is an ongoing event throughout the year. When candidates are not being sought, funds to support the program are. This is the heart of our association and demands a lot of attention and funds. We certainly appreciate the support from those that have donated money to this important part of our association and hope all of you will find time to contribute to this worthy

cause.

Eugene, Oregon is the destination for the Colors of the Regiment the 31st of July to the 3rd of August for the 2003 Reunion. This is an opportunity for those in attendance to share their pictures and memories of the time they rode with the BLACKHORSE, the BEST organization in our services. It is also a great chance to meet old friends and make new friends. Major General (RET) Robert and Joann Sunell, the 48th Commander and First Lady of the Regiment will be in attendance. He is the keynote speaker and the Man who fought the Battles with the Defense Staff and the Congress that made the Abrams 120 MM series Tank the most survivable vehicle on the Battlefield. Join the Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia, the Border Legion and the Desert Legion

as they enjoy another beautiful area that is a part of this Great Country of ours.

God Bless our soldiers and be thankful to be a part of this great nation and remember it is the VETERAN, millions of Americans and Families like you who have sacrificed to keep this country free. Remember those who gave their lives so we can be free. "BLACKHORSE FOREVER"

Allons!

John M. Stephens
President
Blackhorse Association

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The History of the 11th Cavalry---11th Armored Cavalry Regiment The Last Charge May 5, 1916

On 5 May 1916, the 11th Cavalry had the honor of making what proved to be the last mounted charge in regular US Cavalry history. This would be the first of a number of 'lasts' the 11th would undertake in its career as a regular Army unit, including the last forced march and the last mounted combat patrol. The account of the 'Last Charge' was noted as follows: "The column advanced onto the village to be found out by guards.

The bugler sounded and with guidon flying on high the charge began. The troopers entered Ojo Azules with pistols firing, bugle sounding out orders, commands being screamed, and the thunder of hoofs all putting fear into the hearts of the enemy." To the average trooper it was just another

day of service to his country.

In a 5 May 1916 diary entry by Howze reports to General Pershing that: "We made an overnight march to Ojo Azules, distance thirty-six miles. Reached here at 5:45

hills between here and Carichic. Killed forty-two verified by officers; captured several and some fifty to seventy-one ponies and mules. It is believed that we killed Angel, although identification not completed. We

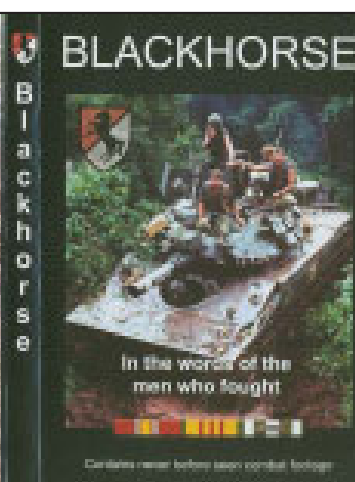
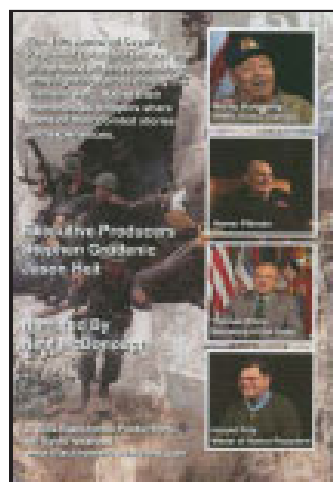
not stop until the enemy's left flank had been broken up entirely. In fact, those who escaped us did so as individuals. Our discovery was by Villista herd guards, which fired at our Indians, and also alarmed the enemy, which ran pell mell, firing at us in their flight. The remarkable part is although the clothing of several of our men was hit; not a single man was wounded, thanks to the utter surprise and confusion of the enemy. We lost three or four horses. It is needless to say that officers and men behaved as would be expected."

The 11th Cavalry withdrew from Mexico on 5 February 1917, five days after Germany resumed a policy of unrestricted submarine warfare against American shipping on 31 January.



a.m. unfortunately one-half hour after daylight. We surprised Julia Acosta, Cruz Domingues and Antonio Angel; jumped them. Had a running fight for two hours. Drove their bands into the

rescued a Carranza lieutenant and four soldiers just before they were to be shot. We followed the enemy, consisting of about 140, until our horses were wholly exhausted, but the chase did



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Soldiers Move Out to Different Desert

By Sgt.
David Vanderbeek

Plans for a 70,000-strong national army for Afghanistan were outlined by President Hamid Karzai late last year when he told a meeting of United Nations representatives and donor countries in Germany that the safety of his citizens remained his top priority, and that the new army would be a force loyal solely to his government and the only legal army Afghanistan would recognize.

Diplomats were given details of Mr. Karzai's plans for his country's army of 70,000 troops, including: a program to disarm former Afghan fighters or mujahideen, a ban on military forces other than the army, and the establishment of three regional commands outside Kabul.

There is one small roadblock for the soldiers of the Afghanistan National Army (ANA); they need training, and a lot of it. Before these soldiers can defend their country against relentless warlords and terrorists, and help develop a strong de-

mocracy, they need training in conventional warfare.

Over 30 Blackhorse troopers and several Marines from Camp Pendleton departed Memorial Day weekend after a farewell ceremony held at the Regimental Headquarters, hosted by the friends and family of the deploying personnel.

The leaders chosen for the mission are expert

tralize the ANA for ten years and failed, we are breaking new ground by sending conventional army leadership to advise another nation's army, and this team of leaders will complete this mission successfully."

Major Ken Royalty was selected as the Principle adviser to the ANA Quick Reaction Force Commander and the Team Leader for the Blackhorse detachment. "Our mission is to be able to walk away from the ANA knowing that Afghanistan will no longer be a harbor for terrorism," said Maj. Royalty, "there are too many warlords and Afghanistan will never be a democracy without a well trained and fully capable Army.

Maj. Royalty closed saying, "I feel privileged to go on this mission with such a magnificent group, I am honored to serve with these fine men, they will do the Regiment proud."

Information used in this story was gathered from the BBC News, World Edition, <http://news.bbc.co.uk>



Photo by Sgt. David Vanderbeek

1SG Brent Kannas and fellow Blackhorse troopers load their gear on to the buses waiting to take them to their flight.

mounted war fighters and are fully capable of training the ANA in conventional warfare. "Everyone on this team was handpicked by Command Sgt. Maj. Flood, and myself and we picked the best and the brightest people in the Regiment," said Col. Joseph Moore, Commander of the 11th ACR. He went on to say, "the Soviet Union tried to cen-



CSM Steve Flood gave an inspiring speech to the men before they began their journey to Afghanistan saying, "Since 1901 the Army has called upon the Blackhorse to do important missions; from Samar to Vietnam to the German border and our mission here at the NTC, they have called upon us again because we are the best Regiment in the United States Army."



SGT Brent Koenig carries his equipment over to the buses after saying goodbye to his wife Laura.

Photos by Sgt. David Vanderbeck



Maj. Andre Cota-Robles kisses his wife, daughter and son goodbye at the farewell ceremony held memorial day weekend.

CSM Steve Flood shakes hands with Maj. Garland Frost and other soldiers, wishing them well as they load the buses.



The Blackhorse Association Scholarship - Past, Present and Future....

The Blackhorse Association and the Blackhorse Scholarship were born of a promise made by Sergeant Major Paul ("Bill") Squires and (then) Colonel George S. Patton to a dying L Troop TC on 2 May 1969 at Chann LuLu, Vietnam. The vow to "not let people forget us" and "take care of our kids" became the inspiration to form the Blackhorse Association later that year at Fort Knox, KY. Over the years, the Scholarship Fund has provided more than \$225,000 to help educate the children of

Blackhorse Troopers killed in action or incapacitated by wounds.

Thirty-four years have passed and we continue to keep the promise made that day in Vietnam. Times have changed and so have the needs of our Troopers. Accordingly the program has been expanded as follows: "A candidate must be an active duty trooper who is serving with the 11th ACR, is a current member of the Blackhorse Association, Inc. in good standing, the child, stepchild or spouse thereof, or the child of a veteran trooper who served

with the 11th ACR and is a current member of the BHA in good standing."

Applicants may not be related to any member of the Scholarship Committee and applications must be received by July 1, 2003. Applicants will be considered without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, rank, rank of sponsor or sex and are required to write an essay on their reason for attending college and the influence of previous experiences on current academic and career plans and provide pertinent background information in

addition to answering questions regarding goals and financial plans. The Scholarship Fund is always in need of tax-deductible donations, which can be made directly to:

"The Blackhorse Association"
11th ACR,
PO Box 10423.
Fort Irwin, CA 92310

To receive an application and information contact:

Peter L. Walter, Scholarship Chairman
8 Tallwood Drive
Mount Holly, NJ
08060-3721
609-261-5629

Golfer

mate, Mr. Hendrix won the closest-to-the pin contest on the same hole. Specialist Sherer's team skipped the rest of the course, took a victory lap in their carts and headed to the 19th hole for refreshments.

At the end of the day five teams had the same low score of 57. Based on the handicap holes, the fi-

nal winners were; in first place Team Support Operations, in second place Team Wrangler, and in third place Team DENTAC. Team Support Operations was made up of Colonel (retired) Pazak, Major Barnes, CPT Pazak, and Sergeant McCue.

This was the tenth year the Blackhorse has uti-

lized a golf tournament to raise funds for local philanthropy and scholarships for Blackhorse veterans. It was another successful year providing over \$3800 for the Association and its members.

(Right) Specialist Scherer gladly accepts the \$10,000 check from Mr. Bob Lucas.



Photo by 1st Lt Schleicher

Colonel's Stable.....

Col.
Joseph A. Moore Jr.
60th Colonel of the 11th ACR

Hello from the High Mojave! The Blackhorse Regiment continues to prepare our Army for its many challenges worldwide. Your regiment recently completed a six week long training and certification exercise for the new Stryker Brigade. This outfit was a real challenge for us, with their nearly 1,000 infantrymen mounted on the most agile personnel carrier I have ever seen. We gave them a real workout and they left knowing a lot more about themselves and their new equipment. I suspect we will soon see them in some far off place conducting real operations.

The Blackhorse is also supporting a number of on-going operations with soldiers. 41 of your troopers were in Iraq or the Horn of Africa these last months. Nearly every tank and cav unit in 3ID had Blackhorse

troopers attached for the fight. We also have over 30 officers and sergeants enroute to Afghanistan to train the newly forming Afghan National Army. Our guys will advise a brigade staff, a T62 tank battalion, and a BMP equipped infantry battalion. We hope to instill a little of the Blackhorse spirit into these units! Wish them luck!

As we transition into the summer campaign season we are scheduled to train the 30th SIB consisting of Guard units from five states, the Blackjack brigade of the 1st Cav Division, and the Big Red One brigade at Fort Riley. The last two units are coming for an extended stay of 5-6 weeks. Wish them luck fighting the Blackhorse for 21-28 days in the heat of summer!

I am pleased to announce that 2d Squadron placed second in the FORSCOM Heavy Maintenance Award competition this last year. This is quite an

achievement for a huge unit running at their pace. Also, we are a finalist in the Connelly Competition for best field mess. Our troopers eat very well in the field! We will know this winter if they win or not.

Be proud of your regiment. All of us got to watch the results of the rigorous training as we watched 3ID destroy the Iraqi Army. Two of their three brigades and their cavalry squadron trained here before deploying to Kuwait. They made us all proud to be in the Army, and you should be proud of the contribution the Blackhorse made to their readiness. They were that good because they had to fight us. As CSM Flood always says, "Treat 'em rough" – and we do!

Allons!
COL Joe Moore
60th Colonel

11th ACVVC REUNION

The reunion will be held in Eugene, Oregon
Thursday, July 31, 2003-Sunday, August 3, 2003
Location: Eugene Hilton Hotel

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To make a reservation, click on book a room, fill in your information, and put CVT where it says group code: This will give you the group rate.

Direct room reservation line: 800-937-6660

Overflow Hotel: Doubletree Inn (Gateway Mall) \$89.00/night Phone 800-722-Tree
www.doubletreeeugene.com

Convention and Visitor's Association of Lane County Oregon (CVALCO)

Website: www.visitlanecounty.org

Phone: 800-547-5445

POC: Betty Schmitt

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Mouse Pad	Black w/ BH patch	7.00	—	—	—
Ornament	Round white w/ satin BH patch	6.00	—	—	—
Patch	Colored Combat Patch	3.00	—	—	—
Patch	Patch Subdued Regular	3.00	—	—	—
Patch	Patch Combat Subdued	3.00	—	—	—
Patch	Regular Patch Colored	3.00	—	—	—
Pen with Case	Black ballpoint pen in felt case w/ BH patch	3.00	—	—	—
Pin	100th Year Anniversary Pin	2.00	—	—	—
Pin	Allons Pins - Set of 2	7.50	—	—	—
Pin	Blackhorse Lapel Pin	3.00	—	—	—
Pin	11th ACR Saber Pins - Bright - Set of 2	9.00	—	—	—
Pin	11th ACR Saber Pins - Subdued - Set of 2	9.00	—	—	—
Pin	11th ACR Stetson Hat Pin	5.00	—	—	—
Print	End of Mission Print Desert Sunset	15.00	—	—	—
Print-Artist Proof	"Freedoms Frontier" Germany	110.00	—	—	—
Print	Move Out Print	15.00	—	—	—
Print	Point of Penetration-OPFOR Desert print	35.00	—	—	—
Print	Report Line Print; Troops at sunrise	15.00	—	—	—
Print	Regimental Support Squadron Print	24.00	—	—	—
Quilt Square	Hand Made Quilt square w/ BH patch	25.00	—	—	—
Shot Glass	Black Shot Glass with BH Patch	4.00	—	—	—
Stein	Beer Stein with BH Patch	12.00	—	—	—
Sun Catcher	Blackhorse patch Sun Catcher	6.95	—	—	—
Sun Shade	Silver w/ BH patch and "Blackhorse Forever"	9.95	—	—	—
Sweatshirt	Black with Large BH Patch, SM-3XL	25.00	—	—	—
Sweatshirt	Red with Large BH Patch, SM-3XL	25.00	—	—	—
Sweatshirt	White with Large BH Patch, SM-3XL	25.00	—	—	—
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Sweatshirt	Red with Small BH Patch SM-3XL	25.00	—	—	—
Sweatshirt	White with Small BH Patch SM-3XL	25.00	—	—	—
Sweatshirt	Gray with Small BH Patch SM-3XL	25.00	—	—	—
Stuffed Animal	12" Stuffed Bear with BH T-shirt	11.00	—	—	—
Window Sticker	Blackhorse Patch Window Decal	1.50	—	—	—
Wine Bag	Black with Red "BLACKHORSE"	3.50	—	—	—
Wine Glass	Clear with etched blackhorse patch	5.00	—	—	—
Wine Glass:Wine Glass-crossed saber	Clear w/ emblazoned Crossed Sabers in gold	5.00	—	—	—
Wooden Box	Hand painted wooden box w/ BH patch	10.00	—	—	—
Wooden Pen Set	Wooden Gift set (pen and pencil) w/ BH patch	24.95	—	—	—
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Belt Buckles:Belt Buckle-Silver and Gold	Crossed sabres w/ BH patch	45.00	—	—	—
Belt Buckles:Belt Buckle - Solid Brass	Crossed Sabres w/ BH patch	25.00	—	—	—
Belt Buckles:Workhorse	"Workhorse" crossed sabres w/ 3/11	25.00	—	—	—
BLACKHORSE POEM	BLACKHORSE POEM	1.50	—	—	—
Books:ACVVC Book	"The Blackhorse Regiment in Vietnam"	25.00	—	—	—
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Books:Griffiths Book	"Vietnam Insights" By James M. Griffiths	12.00	—	—	—
Books:Murphey Book	"Dearest Angel"	10.00	—	—	—
Books:Starry Book	"Camp Colt to Desert Storm"	27.00	—	—	—
Books:Stoddard Book	"What are they going to do send me to Vietnam?"	18.00	—	—	—
Border Mug	Border Legion Reunion Ceramic Mug May 2002	12.00	—	—	—
Border Pin	Border Reunion Pin May 2002	1.00	—	—	—
Boxer Shorts	White w/ Multiple Blackhorse Patches - SM - XL	14.50	—	—	—
Bumper Sticker	"I Rode Proudly w/ the Blackhorse"	2.00	—	—	—
Calendar	2001 Calendar w/ historical 11th ACR pics	1.00	—	—	—
Candy Jar	Clear w/Blackhorse Patch	4.95	—	—	—
Ceramic 11th ACR Ornament	Hand painted BH patch w/ "Blackhorse"	9.50	—	—	—
Ceramic BH Christmas Ornament	Hand painted BH patch w/ "11th ACR"	9.50	—	—	—
Christmas Card Set	Set of 10 : Officers Row, FT Myers	7.50	—	—	—
Christmas Card Set	Set of 10: Tiefert Mountain	7.50	—	—	—
Christmas Card Set	Set of 10: Depart for Phillipines	7.50	—	—	—
Freedom T-shirt	Flag and BH Patch on white T: Infant 2T, 4T	7.00	—	—	—
Freedom T-shirt	Flag and BH Patch on white T: Youth SM-LG	8.50	—	—	—
Freedom T-shirt	Flag and BH Patch on white T: Adult XL	10.00	—	—	—
Golf Shirt	Black with BH Patch on left side: M - XL	20.00	—	—	—
Golf Shirt	Black with BH Patch on left side: 2XL - 3XL	25.00	—	—	—
Golf Shirt	White with BH Patch on left side:M - XL	20.00	—	—	—
Golf Shirt	White with BH Patch on left side: 2XL - 3XL	25.00	—	—	—
Golf Shirt	Red with BH Patch on left side: M - XL	20.00	—	—	—
Golf Shirt	Red with BH Patch on left side: 2XL - 3XL	25.00	—	—	—
Long Sleeve Shirt	Black with BH Patch on left side: L - XL	12.75	—	—	—
Long Sleeve Shirt	Gray with BH Patch on left side: L - XL	12.75	—	—	—
Coffee Mug	White w/ Allons Crest	5.00	—	—	—
Coffee Mug	White w/ crossed sabres: 100th Anniversary	5.00	—	—	—
Coins:Anniversary Coin	Commemorative 100th Year Anniversary Coin	10.00	—	—	—
Cook Book	National Training Cuisine	17.00	—	—	—
Frontier Video	Frontiers of Freedom Mini Documentary Video	8.00	—	—	—
Fulda Reunion-II	Fulda Reunion Video-edition II	10.00	—	—	—
Glassware:Beer Mug	Clear w/ BH Patch	5.00	—	—	—
Glassware:Pub Glass	16oz Clear w/ BH patch	5.00	—	—	—
Glassware:Pub Glass- Allons	Pub Glass with Blackhorse and Allons Crest	5.00	—	—	—
Glassware:Pub Glass- Lucky 16	Clear w/ 2nd, 3rd, 11th, crests	5.00	—	—	—
Glassware:Travel Mug	Stainless Steel w/ BH patch	12.00	—	—	—
Golf Balls	2 Golf balls, 4 Tees, 1 marker w/ BH patch	7.00	—	—	—
Hats:Blackhorse Hat	Adjustable black hat w/ BH patch on front	10.00	—	—	—
Horseshoe	"Lucky" horseshoe worn by 11th ACR horse	4.75	—	—	—
Key Chains:Gold Key Chain	Gold Metal "Blackhorse" Key Chain	8.00	—	—	—
Key Chains:Patch Key Chain	Rubber w/ BH patch	3.00	—	—	—
Key Chains:Silver Key Chain	Silver Metal "Blackhorse" Key Chain	8.00	—	—	—
Knife	Zippo knife w/ BH patch	27.50	—	—	—
License Frame	White frame with "11th ACR, BLACKHORSE"	3.00	—	—	—
License Plate	Cavalry Crossed Sabers with Patch	3.00	—	—	—
Lighter	Zippo Lighter with BH Patch	15.00	—	—	—
Matted Blackhorse	Hand-molded BH patch mounted on red back	27.00	—	—	—
Mouse Pad	White w/ Blackhorse Patch	7.00	—	—	—



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